

# LAWYERS

— On Mon, 5/12/11, John Sandiford <John.Sandiford@smab.co.uk> wrote:

Belmores (Stuart)  
re Oak Lane IF  
Magistrate Court

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Subject: RE: Challenge to "over-enforcement"

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Hi all,

Completely agree with Grattan re; boosting morale, keeping up to speed with the ongoing legal battles and offering support wherever possible.

I've been out of action/intermittently helping out for the last month or so, but am back in London now. I haven't had chance to respond to as many emails as I'd like, contribute to process discussions, nor have I had chance to decipher planning principles and loop holes (each bit of that refers to chats I've had and promises made). I will come back on the stuff I can over the next few days, chip in re process and get reading.

Off the top of my head I think the ongoing/imminent legal battles are as follows (I may have missed stuff out or got stuff wrong so please add/amend and resend- sorry if I have):

- Arrestee support- supporting those defending criminal proceedings by assisting with case preparation and/or offering emotional support/ solidarity during court appearances etc- Birds Solicitors and Hodge Jones & Allen and Dale Farm Back Office;
- Actions against the police- holding the police to account for a brutal and violent 'operation'- Deighton & Guedalla supported by Dale Farm back office;
- Personal Injury claims- solicitors to be confirmed, supported by Dale Farm back office;
- Claims against council for property damage- Stuart Carruthers via council's complaints procedures, Dale Farm back office and solicitors to be confirmed;
- Defending against council attempts to take land or charge residents for costs of eviction- TBC;
- Defending against council threat to move residents parked up on Oak Road on- TBC;
- Homelessness applications- Candy Sheridan;
- Case re; alternative housing- Keith Coughtrie and Candy Sheridan;
- Application for planning permission re; alternative sites- Church Road and Gardeners Lane- Stuart Carruthers and Candy Sheridan;
- Claims against council for over enforcement- Keith Coughtrie and Stuart Carruthers;
- Defamation and misuse of private info claims- Dale Farm back office and TSN/Dale Farm media;
- European Court of Human Rights claim (no further details)- Keith Coughtrie;
- Incitement of racial hatred/abusive posts on social media etc- TSN legal;
- Article 3 claim for inhumane and degrading treatment- Dale Farm back office and TSN Legal;

other plots- Stuart Carruthers;

- Freedom of Information: request initiative, DF back office and TSN media;
- JR of decision to allow dogs home to be built- TBC;
- Application for planning permission re plot 44- Stuart Carruthers.

There will be other things that I have missed- please add/amend accordingly. There will be things above that some may feel stretch capacity too far.

At this stage I have bullet pointed everything to avoid duplication/stuff slipping through the net/ to keep everyone in the loop. I am not suggesting that Dale Farm back office or TSN legal get involved with everything (it'd be good to support each in any way we can though).

My communication hasn't been the best. I am wary that people may feel alienated or disempowered by the legal process even when communication is good, and therefore accept that people may currently be feeling at best frustrated and confused and at worst alienated, excluded or worse. It would be great to keep everyone involved and this email has been drafted with that in mind. How about a meeting early next week to skill share, get a few practical bits and pieces sorted and have a catch up, discussion and an airing of concerns/feedback re process etc - next Monday maybe?

I plan to head down to DF this Wednesday (early evening) and stay the night to catch up with people, work on witness statements, discuss legal process etc. I'm sure the more people that can attend the better in terms of boosting morale, getting legal stuff up and running etc.

The solicitor taking action against the police has been in touch to say that she would like to visit DF to meet all residents who would like to claim against the police. To date I have referred 3 residents to her. She is, however, keen for all the residents interested in making a claim to come forward asap so that she can arrange to meet everyone on the same day. If you are interested in taking action against the police please get in touch.

Please bear in mind the public nature of this list when responding to this email.

In solidarity

John

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